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Applicant: Resnick et al.

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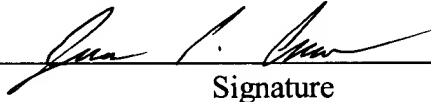
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**Title: ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM
UTILIZING INTERMEDIARY ACCOUNT**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action mailed September 9, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was December 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that a three-month extension of time to respond be granted. This three-month extension will extend the time for response to March 9, 2005, which is within the six month statutory time for response.

In connection with the extension, Applicants hereby request and authorize the Commissioner to deduct the large entity three-month extension fee of \$1020.00 from the Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365, Attn: PRE556/4-002DIVUS. No other fees are believed to be due. If an error in calculation has been made or any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the same Vinson & Elkins Deposit Account as necessary.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.